

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Section 176-600, Connecticut General Statutes.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION	Department of Social Services.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional supplement provided for aged, blind, and disabled SSI or Title II recipients living alone and with others. No provision is made for essential persons. Blind children are eligible for supplementation, but disabled children are not. Blind and disabled recipients are reclassified as aged upon reaching 65 years old.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	Liens secure claims against real property. State has a preferred mandatory claim against an estate to the extent that it is not needed for the support of the surviving spouse, parent, or dependent children of the decedent. Liens may released upon payment of claim or amount equal to beneficiary's interest. If applicant/recipient owns other nonhome property he/she must be making a bona fide effort to sell it. During that time, he/she gives the State a security mortgage.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	Spouse for spouse; parents for blind children under 18.
INCOME DISREGARDS	<p>Unearned Income: For recipients residing in the community, State disregards \$183.00 of any unearned income including SSI; for recipients residing in boarding homes, \$90.70 is disregarded. The disregard is \$250.90 for recipients residing with unrelated persons in the community.</p> <p>Earned Income: The first \$65 and one-half of the remainder for aged and disabled; the first \$85 and one-half the remainder for the blind. Work related expenses for the blind including personal expenses such as Social Security tax, life and health insurance, lunch, and transportation. Additional deductions are allowed for the blind and disabled related to plans for self-support. Those who are disabled are also allowed deductions for impairment related work expenses.</p>

RESOURCE LIMITATIONS No limit on real property occupied as a home. Equity in real property other than a home must be liquidated. Value of personal property (excluding household and personal effects, car if needed, and tools and equipment or livestock essential to production of income) limited to \$1,600 for an individual and \$2,400 for a couple. In addition, up to \$1,200 for burial contract reduced by the value of irrevocable burial arrangements and the face value of life insurance policies of \$1,500 or less.

PLACE OF APPLICATION Regional offices of State agency.

FUNDING Assistance: State funds.
Administration: State funds.

INTERIM ASSISTANCE State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Independent community living ²	\$747.00	\$1,094.00	\$235.00	\$325.00
Licensed Room and Board facility ³	512.00	769.00	(³)	(³)
Medicaid Facility	51.00	102.00	21.00	42.00

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to the aged, blind, and disabled. Committee sets boarding home rate on State payments in accordance with individual cost data for the operations of the facility.

² Budget process used to establish payments amounts. This supplement consists of a housing allowance (maximum of \$400 for living alone; \$200 for living with others), basic needs items, minus countable income (see income disregards). The amount presented assumes eligibility for the highest rental allowance and the maximum budget amount.

³ Persons residing in these living arrangements receive a supplement that may vary depending on the facility.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

ADMINISTRATION Department of Social Services.

**SPECIAL NEED
CIRCUMSTANCES:**

RECURRING	Emergency housing-	one occurrence per calendar year-- no more than 60 days per occurrence
	Refuse collection-	actual charge
	Therapeutic diet -	\$36.20 a month
	Meals-on-wheels -	\$4.19 one meal a day \$7.66 two meals a day
	Restaurant meals -	\$36.20 a month for an individual living in the community \$7.80 per day for an individual living in emergency housing

NONRECURRING	Security deposit for housing -	up to 2 times the monthly obligation
	Security deposit for heating service -	actual cost up to limit of \$200
	Storage charges -	up to 3 months
	Moving expenses	
	Essential household furnishings	
	Telephone installation	
	Essential clothing	

MEDICAID

ELIGIBILITY:

CRITERION Federal and State guidelines.

DETERMINED BY State.

**MEDICALLY NEEDY
PROGRAM** Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

**UNPAID MEDICAL
EXPENSES** The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Part 1-A, Chapter 855A. Title 22, revised Statutes, State of Maine.
EFFECTIVE DATE	July 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION ¹	Department of Human Services.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of total expenditures.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipients. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation. In addition, a small number of persons not eligible for SSI are eligible for a state supplement.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	Federal income disregards apply to all living arrangements. For those living alone, with others, or in the household of another, the State disregards an additional \$55 for an individual and \$80 for a couple.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Federal SSI resource limitations apply.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	Local offices of the Department of Human Services.
FUNDING	Assistance: State funds. Administration: State funds.
INTERIM ASSISTANCE	State participates.

¹ Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the State.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living alone or with others	\$522.00	\$784.00	\$10.00	\$15.00
Living in the household of another	349.34	524.67	8.00	12.00
Foster home	561.00	1,042.00	49.00	273.00
Flat rate boarding home	729.00	1,359.00	217.00	590.00
Cost reimbursement boarding home	731.00	1,390.00	219.00	621.00
Medicaid facility	40.00	80.00	10.00	20.00

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS**ADMINISTRATION**

Department of Human Services.

SPECIAL NEED CIRCUMSTANCES

Licensed boarding home subsidies--When costs of care exceed total of SSI and State supplementary payments, State will pay the difference up to established maximum rates.

MEDICAID**ELIGIBILITY:****CRITERION**

SSI program guidelines (title XVI).

DETERMINED BY

Social Security Administration.

MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES

The State Department of Human Services obtains this information.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	General Laws, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 118A, Section 1.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION ¹	Social Security Administration.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to every aged, blind, and disabled SSI recipient including recipients in private medical facilities where Medicaid program is providing 50 percent or less of the cost of care. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	No disregards in addition to the Federal income disregards.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Federal SSI resource limitations apply.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	Social Security Administration field offices.
FUNDING	Assistance: State funds. Administration: State funds.
INTERIM ASSISTANCE	State participates.

¹ Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

Code	Living arrangements	Combined Federal/State		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple ²	Individual	Couple
A	Living independently:				
	Aged	\$640.82	\$970.72	\$128.82	\$201.72
	Blind	661.74	1,323.48	149.74	554.48
	Disabled	626.39	949.06	114.39	180.06
B	Shared living expenses:				
	Aged	551.26	970.72	39.26	201.72
	Blind	661.74	1,323.48	149.74	554.48
	Disabled	542.40	949.06	30.40	180.06
C	Living in household of another:				
	Aged	445.70	728.47	104.36	215.80
	Blind	661.74	1,323.47	320.40	810.80
	Disabled	428.92	706.85	87.58	194.18
E	Licensed rest home:				
	Aged and disabled	805.00	1,610.00	293.00	841.00
	Blind	661.74	1,323.48	149.74	554.48
F	Medicaid facility	65.00	130.00	35.00	70.00
G.	Assisted living	966.00	1,450.00	454.00	681.00

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS ³**ADMINISTRATION**

Department of Transitional Assistance and Commission for the Blind.

**SPECIAL NEED
CIRCUMSTANCES:****DISASTER
BENEFITS**

Replacement of specific items of furniture, household equipment, supplies, food, and clothing for SSI recipients when these items were lost because of a natural disaster or fire. (Amounts exempted in determining SSI eligibility.)

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled. Blind individuals aged 65 or older are entitled to the highest payment category for which they qualify.

² The amounts given apply only when both members of a couple belong to the same eligibility category. When members belong to different eligibility categories, determine each person's share of payment in his/her eligibility category and add to obtain the couple's amount.

³ Vendor payments.

SPECIAL NEED CIRCUMSTANCES (CON.)

BURIAL EXPENSES

Payment of funeral and burial expenses for SSI recipients shall not exceed \$1,100 and the total expense shall not exceed \$1,500. When a resource exists, it is deductible from the total expense (maximum \$1,500) and the payment by the Department must not exceed \$1,100 of the balance.

REST HOME SUBSIDIES

When cost exceeds the total available income, excluding personal needs allowance, the State will pay difference up to established maximum rates.

MOVING EXPENSES

The cost of moving within the State for SSI recipients may be paid once in a 12-month period if:

- 1) present living quarters have been certified as substandard;
- 2) moving to new quarters is necessary due to health problems or lack of safety in old neighborhood;
- 3) recipient is moving into Federal/State subsidized housing; or
- 4) recipient is forced to move.

Total payment not to exceed \$150.

HOMEMAKER AND HOUSEKEEPER SERVICES

The Department of Elder Affairs performs homemaker and housekeeping services for recipients age 60 or older. The Department of Transitional Assistance provides these services for recipients under age 60.

MEDICAID

ELIGIBILITY:

CRITERION

SSI program guidelines (title XVI).

DETERMINED BY

Social Security Administration.

MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Regulations and Statutes Amended, 167:7, I, II, III, IV.	
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.	
ADMINISTRATION¹	Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Family Assistance (State-administered in local offices in communities).	
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.	
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided SSI recipients living in the arrangements listed under "Payment Levels." Persons living in the household of another receive the same State supplement as those living independently. Blind children are eligible for optional supplementation. Disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation only if they are aged 18 years old or older.	
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	Aged and disabled: All aid paid is by law a lien on the estate of the recipient (and spouse if living together). No recovery from real estate occupied by surviving spouse or blind or disabled child or from personal property of less than \$100. State may waive recovery. Blind: No lien provisions applicable.	
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	Spouse for spouse, parents for child under age 18, children for parents.	
INCOME DISREGARDS	Standard disregards for any income including SSI:	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently	\$13.00	\$20.00
Living with essential person	N/A	25.00
Residential care facility for adults	13.00	N/A
Community residences	13.00	N/A
Enhanced family care facilities	13.00	N/A
Earned income disregards:		
	Aged: \$18 or actual mandatory employment expenses if greater; \$20 of gross income plus one-half of the next \$60.	
	Disabled: No disregards in addition to the Federal earned income disregards.	

¹ Mandatory minimum supplementation is administered by the same agency as optional supplementation.

**INCOME
DISREGARDS (CON.)**

Blind: \$18 or actual employment expenses if greater; \$85 of gross earnings plus one-half amount over \$85. Additional amounts may be disregarded if an approved plan exists for achieving self-support within a 12-month period.

Other disregards:

If recipient receives income from other persons in exchange for providing room only for such person(s), the following amounts are deducted from such income:

One person..... \$50

Two persons..... 100

Three persons..... 150

Four or more persons, deduct an additional \$50 from such income for each additional person. Actual expenses if greater may be allowed, subject to verification.

If income is received in exchange for room and board, the food stamp coupon allotment for each boarder is deducted in addition to the amounts given above.

For adults being considered for nursing home care, SSI payments are disregarded in the determination of financial eligibility.

**RESOURCE
LIMITATIONS**

No monetary or acreage limitation on property occupied as a home. Personal property limited to \$1,500 net cash value for an individual or a couple excluding clothing, household furnishings, tools, car, life insurance, and farm equipment/livestock used for food needs. Cash value of life insurance not counted unless face value exceeds \$1,500 per person; when it exceeds this, equity value counts toward the \$1,500 resource limits.

**PLACE OF
APPLICATION**

Local offices of State Division of Family Assistance.

FUNDING

Aged and Disabled Assistance: 50 percent State funds, 50 percent County funds; Blind Assistance: 100 percent State funds.
Administration: State funds.

**INTERIM
ASSISTANCE**

State participates by providing assistance only to individuals who have SSI applications pending.

PAYMENT LEVELS¹

<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
Living independently ²	\$539.00	\$790.00	\$27.00	\$21.00
Living with an essential person ³	N/A	1,039.00	N/A	13.00
Residential care facility for adults ⁴	719.00	---	207.00	---
Enhanced family care facilities ⁵	719.00	---	207.00	---
Community residences ⁵				
Non-subsidized	661.00	---	149.00	---
Subsidized	601.00	---	89.00	---
Medicaid facility ⁵	50.00	---	20.00	---

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

State does not provide assistance for special needs.

MEDICAID

ELIGIBILITY:

CRITERION State guidelines.

DETERMINED BY State.

MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES

The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

² Persons living in the household of another receive the same State supplement as those living independently.

³ Applies only to SSI recipients converted from former State assistance programs.

⁴ The State supplementation rate for individuals applies to each member of a couple.

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	Title 40, Chapter 6, Section 27, General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended.
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION	Social Security Administration.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to SSI recipients in the living arrangements listed under "Payment Levels." Blind and disabled children are eligible for State supplementation.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	No disregards in addition to the Federal income disregards.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Federal SSI resource limitations apply.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	Social Security Administration field offices.
FUNDING	Assistance: State funds. Administration: State funds.
INTERIM ASSISTANCE	State participates.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

Code	Living arrangements	Combined Federal/State		State supplementation	
		Individual	Couple	Individual	Couple
A	Living alone	\$576.35	\$889.50	\$64.35	\$120.50
B	Living in household of another	415.94	649.17	74.60	136.50
D	Residential care/assisted living ²	1,094.00	---	582.00	---
E	Medicaid facility	50.00	100.00	20.00	40.00

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

ADMINISTRATION Department of Human Services.

SPECIAL NEED CIRCUMSTANCES:

MOVING EXPENSES

Within cost guidelines, moving costs are covered for SSI recipients when the move is determined to be socially desirable and moving services cannot be provided by city, town, or other community resources.

CATASTROPHIC CONDITIONS

In the event of a catastrophe by fire, flood, lightning, or severe wind, the State will provide shelter, clothing, food, and essential household equipment and furnishings.

BURIAL EXPENSES

The cost of burial expenses can be provided for any person who dies leaving insufficient resources to meet this expense.

HOMEMAKER SERVICES

Services provided under specified criteria to prevent institutionalization of a recipient who is unable to perform homemaker duties due to an acute or chronic illness.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

² Adult individuals only.

MEDICAID

ELIGIBILITY:

CRITERION

SSI program standards (title XVI).

DETERMINED BY

Social Security Administration.

MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM

Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.

UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES

The Social Security Administration obtains this information.

OPTIONAL STATE SUPPLEMENTATION

STATUTORY BASIS FOR PAYMENT	V S. A. Title 33, chapter 13, "Aid to Aged, Blind, and Disabled."
EFFECTIVE DATE	January 1, 1974.
ADMINISTRATION ¹	Social Security Administration and the Agency of Human Services, Department of Social Welfare.
PASSALONG	In compliance by the method of maintaining all payment levels.
SCOPE OF COVERAGE	Optional State supplement provided to every SSI eligible aged, blind, and disabled individual. Blind and disabled children are eligible for optional supplementation.
RECOVERIES, LIENS, AND ASSIGNMENTS	None.
RELATIVE RESPONSIBILITY	None.
INCOME DISREGARDS	No disregards in addition to the Federal income disregards.
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS	Federal SSI resource limitations apply.
PLACE OF APPLICATION	Social Security Administration field offices.
FUNDING	Assistance: State funds. Administration: State funds.
INTERIM ASSISTANCE	State participates.

¹ State Department of Social Welfare administers the State funded program for essential persons. All other optional State supplements are administered by the Social Security Administration.

PAYMENT LEVELS ¹

<u>Code</u>	<u>Living arrangements</u>	<u>Combined Federal/State</u>		<u>State supplementation</u>	
		<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Couple</u>
A/B	Living independently	\$569.66	\$877.28	\$57.66	\$ 108.28
C	Level III Assistive Community Care services	559.50	863.50	47.25	94.50
E	Living in the household of another	379.72	559.85	38.38	47.18
G	Level IV-Residential Care Home	730.69	1,317.89	218.69	548.89
H	Custodial-Care, Family Home	608.38	1,094.02	96.38	325.02
I	Medicaid facility	47.25	94.50	17.25	34.50
	Living independently with an Essential Person	877.28	1,059.71	365.28	290.71
	Living in the household of another with an ineligible spouse who is Essential Person	569.66	----	228.32	----

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A/B	Living independently	\$571.04	\$879.88	\$59.04	\$ 110.88
C	Level III Assistive Community Care services	560.38	865.77	48.38	96.77
E	Living in the household of another	380.64	560.98	39.30	48.31
G	Level IV-Residential Care Home	735.94	1,331.06	223.94	562.06
H	Custodial-Care, Family Home	610.69	1,101.82	98.69	332.82
I	Medicaid facility	47.66	95.33	17.66	35.33

¹ Unless otherwise stated, payment levels apply equally to aged, blind, and disabled.

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

ADMINISTRATION	Agency of Human Services, Department of Social Welfare.
SPECIAL NEED CIRCUMSTANCES	Emergency assistance is provided under certain conditions for the following: court-ordered eviction or natural disaster, e.g., fire, flood, or hurricane; emergency medical care; funeral costs; and emergency fuel needs.

MEDICAID**ELIGIBILITY:**

CRITERION	SSI program guidelines (title XVI).
DETERMINED BY	Social Security Administration.
MEDICALLY NEEDY PROGRAM	Program for the aged, blind, and disabled medically needy.
UNPAID MEDICAL EXPENSES	The Social Security Administration does not obtain this information.